

Remarks

By the foregoing Amendment, Claims 1, 10, 16, 21, 27, 33 – 35, and 41 are amended, and Claims 4, 18 and 34 are cancelled. The Examiner has allowed Claim 42. No new matter is added by this Amendment. Entry of the Amendment, and favorable consideration thereof, is earnestly requested.

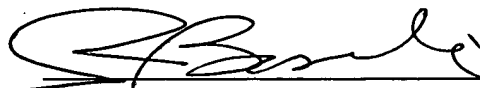
The Examiner has rejected Claims 27 and 31 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 6,820,770 to Makino et al. The Examiner has also rejected Claims 1 – 2, 6 – 13, 16 – 17, 19 – 22, 25 – 26, 28, 30, 32 – 38, 41 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Makino et al. in view of U.S. Patents named in the Office Action of February 13, 2006.

In the Office Action, the Examiner suggested amendments to Claims 1, 10, 16, 21, 27, 33, 35, and 41 to place this application in condition for allowance. The Application has amended Claims 1, 10, 16, 21, 27, 33, 35, and 41 accordingly.

It is respectfully submitted that Claims 1 – 3, 5 – 17, and 19 – 41 as amended, and allowed Claim 42, are in order for allowance and early notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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